

House File 877 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a program that allows
2 an out-of-state applicant or student to pay in-state tuition
3 rates at a state university or community college if the
4 individual agrees to live and work in Iowa for a specified
5 time period following graduation.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, subsection 2, Code 2021, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Have authority to determine tuition rates for
4 instruction.

5 a. Tuition for residents of Iowa shall not exceed the
6 lowest tuition rate per semester, or the equivalent, charged
7 by an institution of higher education under the state board of
8 regents for a full-time resident student. ~~However, except~~

9 b. Except for students enrolled under section 261E.6, if
10 a local school district pays tuition for a resident pupil of
11 high school age, the limitation on tuition for residents of
12 Iowa shall not apply, the amount of tuition shall be determined
13 by the board of directors of the community college with the
14 consent of the local school board, and the pupil shall not
15 be included in the full-time equivalent enrollment of the
16 community college for the purpose of computing general aid to
17 the community college.

18 c. Tuition for nonresidents of Iowa shall not be less than
19 the marginal cost of instruction of a student attending the
20 college. A lower tuition for nonresidents may be permitted
21 under a reciprocal tuition agreement between a merged area and
22 an educational institution in another state, if the agreement
23 is approved by the director. The board may designate that a
24 portion of the tuition moneys collected from students be used
25 for student aid purposes.

26 d. Subject to an appropriation of funds by the general
27 assembly for this purpose, and notwithstanding paragraph "c",
28 the board shall develop and implement a program to classify
29 nonresidents as residents for purposes of tuition and mandatory
30 fees if the nonresident applicant or student agrees to live
31 and work in this state following graduation from the community
32 college for an amount of time equivalent to the amount of time
33 the individual paid in-state tuition and mandatory fee rates.

34 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, subsection 17, Code 2021, is amended
35 by adding the following new paragraph:

1 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Subject to an appropriation of funds by
2 the general assembly for this purpose, develop and implement
3 a program to classify nonresidents as residents for purposes
4 of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees if the nonresident
5 applicant or student agrees to live and work in this state
6 following graduation from the institution for an amount of time
7 equivalent to the amount of time the individual paid in-state
8 undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee rates.

EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill requires the board of directors of each community
13 college and the state board of regents to develop and
14 implement a program to classify nonresidents as residents
15 for undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees purposes if the
16 nonresident applicant or student agrees to live and work
17 in this state following graduation for an amount of time
18 equivalent to the amount of time the individual paid in-state
19 tuition and mandatory fee rates.